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To :
Mr, Jose Manuel Ramos Horta
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Portuguese Timor.

Dear Mr. Horta :

I was pleased to meet you during your recent visit to Jakarta, Indonesia.

We, the people of Indonesia, and the Government of Indonesia, have been heartened by the recent changes that have taken place in Lisbon, Portugal.

This change of government and of policy outlook came as something of a surprise to most people, including you and your people in Timor.

In our view, these developments offer a good opportunity to the people of Timor to accelerate the prosess towards independence, as well as to generate overall national development and to promote the progress of the people of Timor.

The Government of Indonesia untill now still adheres to the following principles :

I. The independence of every country is the right of every nation, with no exeption for the people in Timor.

II. The Government as well as the people of Indonesia have no intention to increase or to expand their territory, or to occupy other territories other that what is stipulated in their Constitution. This reiteration is to give you a clear idea, so that there may be no doubt in the minds of the people of Timor in expresing their own wishes.

III. For this reason, whoever will govern in Timor in the future after independence, can be assured that the Government of Indonesia will always strive to maintain good relations, friendship and cooperation for the benefit of both countries.

Please convey my message to your people in Timor.

With my best wishes and warm regards to you and to all the people in Timor.

Sincerely yours,

ADAM MALIK.